

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A fixation device for fixing a first member in a position relative to a second member, the fixation device comprising including:

(a) a shaft having a head and a longitudinal axis;

(b) an a first external screw thread on the said head;

(c) a first screw portion rotatable about the said longitudinal axis;

(d) an a first internal screw thread on the said first screw portion for engaging configured to engage the said first external screw thread on the head, to facilitate assembly of the fixation device by screwing the said first screw portion over the said head; and

(e) a second screw portion rotatable about the said longitudinal axis independently of the said first screw portion;

wherein the first and second screw portions each have an external screw thread in having a direction opposite to the said first external screw thread on the said head, and said external screw thread configured with said first and second screw portions to engage a bore formed in the first and second members thereby fixing the relative position of the first and second members.

2. (Currently amended) A The fixation device according to claim 1, further including comprising a lock nut having an a second internal screw thread corresponding with the said first external screw shaft thread, and configured to maintain the position of the said second screw portion on the said shaft.
3. (Currently amended) A The fixation device according to claim 1, any one of the preceding claims wherein the said first external screw thread on the head has a leading end and a trailing end and thesaid trailing end terminates in a flat end to substantially preclude engagement with a threaded member.
4. (Currently amended) A The fixation device according to claim 1, any one of the preceding claims wherein the said first internal screw thread for engaging on the first screw portion which is configured to engage thesaid first external thread on the said head and has a leading end and a trailing end, and the said trailing end terminates in a flat end to substantially preclude engagement with a threaded member.
5. (Currently amended) A The fixation device according to claim 1, any one of the preceding claims wherein the said second screw portion is integral with the said shaft.

6. (Currently amended) A fixation device for fixing a first member in a position relative to a second member, the fixation device includingcomprising:

- (a) a shaft having a longitudinal axis and an externally threaded portion;
- (b) a head on the said shaft;
- (c) a first screw portion rotatable about the said longitudinal axis;
- (d) a second screw portion having an a first internal thread corresponding to said externally threaded portion ~~the shaft~~ thread and rotatable about the said longitudinal axis independently of the said first screw portion; and
- (d) a lock nut having an a second internal thread corresponding with said externally threaded portion ~~the shaft~~ thread and configured to maintain the position of the said second screw portion on the said shaft when the fixation device is assembled;  
wherein thesaid first and second screw portions each have an external screw thread configured to engage a bore formed in the first and second members thereby fixing the relative position of the members.

7. (Currently amended) A The fixation device according to claim 6, wherein the said first screw portion is a collar screw and assembly of the fixation device includescomprises passing the said shaft through the said collar screw prior to threadedly engaging the said lock nut and the said second screw portion on the said shaft.

8. (Currently amended) A The fixation device according to claim 6, wherein ~~the~~ said first screw portion is a collar screw with an opening along its length for receiving a length of ~~the~~ said shaft and assembly of the fixation device includes fitting ~~the~~ said first screw portion over ~~the~~ said shaft.

9. (Currently amended) A The fixation device according to claim 6, wherein ~~the~~ said head ~~includes~~ has an a second external screw thread in a direction opposite to said external screw thread on ~~the~~ said first and second screw portions, and wherein ~~the~~ said first screw portion ~~has~~ further, includes an internal screw thread to facilitate assembly of the fixation device by screwing ~~the~~ said first screw portion over ~~the~~ said head.

10. (Currently amended) A fixation device according to claim 9, wherein ~~the~~ said second external screw thread ~~on~~ the head has a leading end and a trailing end, and wherein ~~the~~ said trailing end terminates in a flat end to substantially preclude engagement with a threaded member.

11. (Currently amended) A fixation device according to claim 9, ~~or claim 10~~ wherein ~~the~~ said internal screw thread on ~~the~~ said first screw portion[[],] is for engaging configured to engage ~~the~~ said second external screw thread ~~on~~ the head, wherein said internal screw thread has a leading end and a trailing end, and wherein ~~the~~ said trailing end terminates in a flat end to substantially preclude engagement with a threaded member.

12. (Currently amended) A The fixation device according claim 1, ~~to anyone of the preceding claims~~ wherein ~~the~~ said shaft is flexible.

13. (Currently amended) A The fixation device according to claim 1, any one of the preceding claims wherein the first and second members are bone.

14. (Currently amended) A The fixation device according to claim 1, anyone of the preceding claims further including comprising a retaining screw for engaging configured to engage the said head, thereby retaining the fixation device within the said threaded bore, wherein said bore is threaded.

15. (Currently amended) A method of fixing a first member in a position relative to a second member, the method including the steps of:

- (a) assembling a fixation device, the said fixation device having comprising:
  - (i) a shaft with a head and a longitudinal axis;
  - (ii) an external screw thread on the said head;
  - (iii) a first screw portion rotatable about the said longitudinal axis;
  - (iv) an internal screw thread on the said first screw portion for engageing configured to engage the said external screw thread on the head;
  - (v) a second screw portion rotatable about the said longitudinal axis independently of the said first screw portion; and
  - (vi) an a first external screw thread on the first screw portion and a second external screw thread on the second screw portions, wherein said first and second external threads are configured in a direction opposite to the direction of thesaid external thread on the head and adapted to engage a threaded bore in the first and

second members;  
wherein assembly of the fixation device includes  
screwing thesaid first screw portion over thesaid head;  
(b) forming asaid threaded bore in the first and second  
members;  
(c) introducing the assembled fixation device into thesaid  
threaded bore;  
(d) operating the fixation device so in such a way that at  
least one of thesaid first or second screw portions  
rotates relative to the said threaded bore thereby  
engaging and positioning the first member relative to  
the second member, and  
(e) locking the fixation device in position.